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USDA, INTERIOR TO HOLD INFORMATION MEETING ON ELIMINATION OF BRUCELLOSIS IN GREATER YELLOWSTONE AREA

FORT COLLINS, Colo., April 14, 2003 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of the Interior will host an information-sharing meeting and open house with the states of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming and the public to discuss the process and science to eventually eliminate brucellosis in the Greater Yellowstone Area.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. local time at the Snow King Resort, 400 E. Snow King Ave., Jackson, Wyo.

The morning events, 9 a.m. to noon, will include perspectives from USDA Undersecretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs William Hawks; DOI Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks Paul Hoffman; and invited state governors of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. Events also include: a presentation on the background and history of the disease in the Greater Yellowstone Area; future strategies to eliminate the disease by 2010; and time for federal and state officials to hear remarks from the public.

During the afternoon open house, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., the public is invited to ask questions of technical experts, who will be hosting 10 stations: Habitat Enhancement; Research; Vaccine and Vaccine Delivery; Testing; Feedgrounds; Brucellosis, the disease, history and brucellosis-free states; Interagency Bison Management Plan; Information and Education; and the Jackson Bison/Elk Management Plan Environmental Impact Study.

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